

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

FY17 Future Directions Salmon Recovery Westside

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY17 Future Directions Salmon Recovery Westside	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category	
1. 1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
A screen tool is to be used on all FY17 EQIP applications that were received and completely eligible prior to the application cutoff. If this application did not receive a high priority, please stop and do not continue ranking. You may only tag practices in the ranking tool that are included in the uploaded AD-1155. All applications need to have an application cost prior to ranking. (not just an estimate) This applies to all applications, including those competing in multiple pools. Upload the toolkit plan to each of the applications prior to ranking. Only award points for conservation practices or activities that will be financially assisted in this EQIP contract. Changing or adjusting practices or extents after the application has been submitted for evaluation to achieve a better ranking score is not allowed in EQIP.	
1. The applicant has NOT successfully completed all prior NRCS FA contract(s) or did NOT properly operate and maintain those cost-shared practices. Use applicant interviews, staff knowledge and ProTracts searches to make determination. This includes all participants applying as individuals and imbedded members of entities.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. AD-1155 contains 5 or less Contract Item Numbers (CINs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will contracted practices assist the applicant in complying with at least one of the following: AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, Water quality compliance on DOE designated water bodies, The Food Quality Protection Act? Identify: _____,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Regardless of location, do all of the practices treat a Tribal resource concern according to the TRA? https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wa/technical/	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Are the practices on, or adjacent to (physically touching) Tribal lands? If so, do all the practices treat the resource concerns identified in the TRA? https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wa/technical/	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the contract assist the applicant in implementing an existing RMS plan (signed between 10-16-2006 and 10-16-2016) that has been developed for the participant's entire Ag Operation(s)? (Forest Stewardship plan must meet the requirements for RMS to receive points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Application has a livestock type tagged on the application home screen. Or includes at least one of the following wildlife practices. • CP 327 – Conservation Cover • CP 390 – Riparian Herbaceous Cover • CP 391 – Riparian Forest Buffer • CP 395 – Stream Habitat Improvement and Management • CP 396 –	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Aquatic Organism Passage • CP 422 – Hedgerow Planting • CP 472 – Access Control • CP 580 – Streambank and Shoreline Protection • CP 643 – Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats • CP 644 – Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management • CP 645 – Upland Wildlife Habitat Management • CP 646 – Shallow Water Development and Management • CP 647 – Early Successional Habitat Development/Management • CP 657 – Wetland Restoration • CP 658 – Wetland Creation • CP 659 – Wetland Enhancement	
8. If selected for contracting, this application will allow the participant to become a first time adopter using all of the planned practices included on the AD-1155. Consider adopted practices on all associated agricultural operation(s) that they are involved in.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. 1a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
FISH PASSAGE & IN-STREAM HABITAT: Answer all that apply	
1. Fish Passage Project Aligns with a WA State Fish Barrier Removal Board priority HUC 10 watershed (Puget Sound: Pilchuck R., Goldsborough Cr., Pysht R.-Strait of Juan de Fuca Frontal); (WA Coast: Newaukum R.); (Lower Columbia: Lower Cowlitz R.); or is a priority of Federal agency partner and supports implementation of the Puget Sound Action Plan 200	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Answer either #2 or #3 Does the project have a Completed Engineering Design stamped by a licensed PE that meets NRCS Practice Standards? 100	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Answer either #2 or #3 Will a PE-stamped design which meets NRCS Practice Standards be provided without NRCS funding before implementation? 50	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project require development/review of a complex engineering design (ie: no rise floodplain analysis, hydrogeomorphic flood assessment, etc)? -50	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
HABITAT GAIN:	
5. Project will restore fish passage on all 0% and 33% WDFW rated barriers within landowner's control on their ENTIRE Tract? 25	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Man-made barriers that are 0% passable to anadromous fish movement do not exist downstream? 100	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does SVAP rating reveal the project provides direct habitat improvements for Federally listed T&E fish species utilizing the project reach? 50	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Select one of the following: (#8-- #10) Will the project increase access 0.1 to 0.9 miles of habitat? 25 Measure to closest total upstream barrier	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Select one of the following: (#8-- #10) Will the project increase access 1 to 1.9 miles of habitat? 75 Measure to closest total upstream barrier	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Select one of the following: (#8-- #10) Will the project increase access 2 miles or more of habitat? 100 Measure to closest total upstream barrier	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Fish Passage Project is complementary to additional fish passage project completed in the same watershed within the last 5 years or to a project that is funded for completion. 25	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
BUFFERS: Answer yes to only one of the following (#12-15)	
12. Will the project establish a riparian buffer that MEETS the minimum criteria of 50 feet wide on 70% of the planning unit? 100	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will the project establish a riparian buffer that EXCEEDS the minimum criteria of 50 feet wide on 70% of the planning unit? (buffer width 75 feet or more) 250	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Will the project enhance an existing buffer (invasive weed control, conifer underplanting, livestock exclusion) that is a minimum of 50 feet wide on 70% of the planning unit? 25	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will the project establish or enhance a riparian buffer that will treat a water quality resource concern on the site? (minimum of 35 feet wide on entire planning unit) 10	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION	
16. Project is located in a sub-watershed that will compete for funding under an approved RCPP directed at salmon habitat improvement in FY17 (Thomas Creek-Skagit, Woods Cr.-Snohomish, Nooksack River-Whatcom, Newnukum Creek- King)? -100	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Established eligible practice list:	
17. Resource Concerns Inadequate Fish and Wildlife Habitat: Habitat Degradation Water Quality Degradation-Elevated Water Temperature Water Quality Degradation-Excess Nutrients in surface and ground water Water Quality Degradation-Excessive Sediment in Surface Water Eligible Conservation Practices Access Control (472) Access Road (560) Aquatic Organism Passage (396) Brush Management (314) Channel Bed Stabilization (584) Clearing and Snagging (326) Critical Area Planting (342) Conservation Cover (327) Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647) Fence (382) Field Border (386) Filter Strip (393) Forest Stand Improvement (666) Hedgerow Planting (422) Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Livestock Pipeline (516) Mulching (484) Obstruction Removal (500) Open Channel (582) Pumping Plant (533) Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (643) Riparian Forest Buffer (391)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Stream Crossing (578) Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395) Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) Structure for Water Control (587) Structures for Wildlife (649) Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490) Underground Outlet (620) Watering Facility (614) Wetland Enhancement (659) Wetland Restoration (657) Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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